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To: File

From: Frank Filas, Reclamation Engineer

Re: Field Memo, EXP/049/017 - Criffen Corp., DOE/049/016 -
Aggre-Insulite

In early December, 1986, Mr. Michael Nelson of Criffen Corp. rented some heavy equipment plus operators on a line of credit and commenced to build a 60 foot wide haul road into the area claimed by Aggre-Insulite. The road building blocked two drainages, destroyed trees, and was all done without the benefit of BLM or Division approval. The road building disturbed approximately 18 acres before Mary Beth Martin of the BLM shut the operation down.

The BLM demanded that a plan of operations be filed and a bond for \$150,000 be posted. Mr. Nelson decided to perform exploratory drilling before finalizing his plans for a large sulfur mine. The Division approved an exploration plan with the understanding that Criffen Corp. would obtain the bonding required by the BLM. This was never done and the exploration approval was rescinded.

Mr. Nelson staked claims over the Aggre-Insulite Claims and expanded this small disturbance from the original one acre to about two acres. The gentleman from Aggre-Insulite was, needless to say, angry about the whole situation.

No drilling was done on site, but the 18 acre road disturbance was never reclaimed. It was rumored that Mr. Nelson never paid for the equipment rental, his hotel bills, or the helicopter which he used for flying potential investors to the site.

Sue Skinner of the Salt Lake District BLM is familiar with the case and should be contacted if an update is needed. Another site visit is recommended to see if time has healed any of the scars. It is unlikely that we can get the site reclaimed, but it may be worth another try.

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